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**2024**



# **ANNUAL REPORT**

*Our Mission: To serve the immediate needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness within the Yankton area, while engaging partners in developing long-term solutions. The shelter was founded on the belief that everyone deserves a home.*

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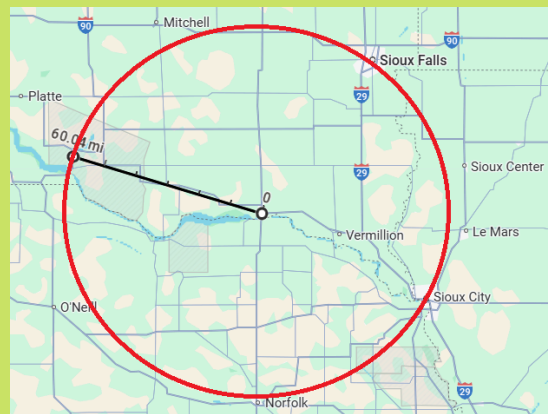
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In 2024, Pathways celebrated our 30 year anniversary. Take a peek at what we looked like in 1994, versus today

1994	2024
1 Shelter program, 1 location	3 Shelter Programs, 2 Transitional Housing Programs, 4 Financial Assistance Programs, 4 Locations
4 Employees	20 Employees
Capacity: 9	Capacity: 96

Pathways is the only public shelter in a 60 mile radius of Yankton. We serve that entire area of South Dakota, Iowa, and Nebraska.

In 2024, Pathways saw several changes to our Board of Directors, as well as a new Executive Director, Operations Director, and Program Managers.



# ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW



## Core Values



Integrity

Respect

Inspiration

Excellence

Community



Responsible Stewardship

## What does Pathways Provide?



Safety

Rehabilitation

Opportunities

Recovery

Compassion

So much more than just shelter



# TIER 1: NIGHT BY NIGHT EMERGENCY SHELTER



## Top causes of homelessness in 2024 as reported by guests:

- Interpersonal Conflict include domestic violence or other abuse, disagreements with property manager, other tenants, or family members
- Poor financial planning/lack of financial management skills
- Insignificant income to cover expenses
- Discharge from jail or prison with nowhere to go
- Addiction with lack of access or unwillingness to seek necessary services

This program has been operational since February 2022. Providing case management to this transient population can sometimes be difficult. Many of our shelter guests utilize this program as a temporary stepping stone while they wait for rental units to be ready, or while awaiting transportation arrangements to relocate back to their home communities with greater social support.

## IN 2024

217 people served

3,774 bed nights provided.  
That means over 3,000 showers, and  
7,548 meals provided.

average length of stay: 17 nights

13% of guests in the Night By Night program entered shelter with employment already obtained.

20% of households served had two or more enrollments in Night By Night in 2024.

48% of guests were from Yankton County, and 29% from other counties in South Dakota

33% of people served in Night By Night had current legal involvement



# TIER 2: INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY SHELTER

This program provides additional support for individuals, as well as shelter availability for families with minor children for up to 90 days. This program sees the highest rate of success out of all our shelter programs, and has a large impact on Yankton and the surrounding communities.

85 total households enrolled in 2024. This includes 36 men, 61 women, and 90 children. The average length of stay for households was 63 days.



## Case Management

Staff provided over 400 hours of case management in 2024 to assist households in this program in reaching their goals of employment, housing, and other individualized needs that are met or referred to community partners. This includes only the face to face hours spent directly with participants. This does not include hours spent by advocate staff or behind the scenes work like documentation and emails.

Common Referrals: mental health services, SNAP (food stamps), child support, job services, substance use treatment, Medicaid, school districts, healthcare services, domestic violence resources.



## Community Ties

66 % of participants served in 2024 had a prior address in Yankton, followed by 23 % in the rest of South Dakota.



## Causes of Homelessness

The top causes of homelessness in this program are:

- Interpersonal conflict (includes domestic violence, divorce, landlord/tenant disputes)
- Insignificant income to cover expenses
- Poor financial planning/lack of financial management skills
- Addiction with lack of access or unwillingness to seek necessary services



## Employment

50% of adults in this program in 2024 were employed. 25% received social security or some other type of benefit. This does not take into account adults who have applied for social security and are awaiting their benefits, or two parent households where one parent takes care of young children due to rising daycare costs.

# RE-ENTRY

This program is a partnership with South Dakota Department of Corrections. Individuals who are eligible for parole, but are unable to parole to their own home, or to friends or family members homes, are able to Parole to Pathways. From the day their enrollment starts, case management staff assist them in getting their vital documents, gaining employment, getting access to resources, helping keep in touch with their parole agent, and seek permanent housing. Once permanent housing is established, the participant can officially update their parole address.



70% of participants in the program were employed in 2024.

For individuals who were enrolled in the program longer than 2 weeks, the rate increased to 85% employment. This highlights that individuals who invest in Pathways programming have higher rates of success in reaching their goals.

198 hours of case management were provided for program participants in 2024. Which led to 20 % successful outcomes. That rate increases to 27 % for individuals who stay 14 days or more. This includes only the face to face hours spent directly with participants. This does not include hours spent by advocate staff or behind the scenes work like documentation and emails.



It costs tax payers an average of \$100 per day to house one inmate in the South Dakota State Prison System.

In 2024, Pathways housed 44 parolees for a total of 2,339 days at a lower rate. This saved tax payers over \$50 per day, for a total savings of over \$77,000.

## Reason for Incarceration:

60% were drug or alcohol related charges

23% were violent offenses, with the majority of those described as having drug or alcohol use as the contributing factor that led to their behavior

17% were theft or forgery related charges



**Locating housing for participants in this program is difficult due to a lack of felon-friendly housing options.**

 **70%**

Re-entry program saw a 70% Employment Rate in 2024. That rate increases to 85% for those who spend more than 2 weeks in the program.

# YOUNG ADULT TRANSITIONAL PROGRAM

This is the newest of the programs at Pathways, made possible by the Youth Homelessness Demonstration grant. Pathways is the only organization on the Eastern side of South Dakota to be awarded this new funding in the first round.

The intention of this program is to implement early intervention with 18-24 year old individuals experiencing homelessness. This program is also the first to implement targeted life skills to help households gain the skills necessary to obtain and maintain employment and permanent housing.



## Employment

Participants in the transitional home were employed at a rate of 80% in 2024.

Participants in the community were employed at a rate of 46%



## Community Ties

In the transitional home, 60% of participants came from the Yankton community.

27% were from other communities in South Dakota



## Successes

45% of participants completed the transitional housing program successfully

This program length is 6 months to two years, so many of our participants are still enrolled in the program.



## Case Management

Staff put in 600 hours of case management with households in the young adult programs. This includes only the face to face hours spent directly with participants. This does not include hours spent by advocate staff or behind the scenes work like documentation and emails.

The Young Adult Transitional Program is made up of two components that work together to provide stability while young adults gain life skills.

The first component is Transitional Housing. For 6 months, households can live in the transitional home while they seek employment and permanent housing.

Additionally, there is a scattered-site component, where Pathways case managers can continue supportive services once those households gain permanent housing in the community. In total, the program can last up to 2 years.



# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Pathways operates three financial assistance programs that can provide security deposit and rental assistance for low income households. This helps households keep money in their pocket for basic needs such as food and household items.

## Rapid Re Housing

Serves people who are homeless, and helps them obtain housing.

19 people served

Over \$10,000 in grant money put back into the community



## Homeless Prevention

Serves people at risk of homelessness who have gotten behind on the expenses. Prevents eviction and keeps households out of shelters.

45 people served

Over \$24,000 in grant money put back into the community



## Security Deposit Assistance

74 people served

Over \$18,000 in grant money put back into the community



In 2024, Pathways implemented a new procedure. Households who complete our financial assistance programs are scheduled for a 6-month follow up to ensure stability, and attempt early intervention if they are beginning to struggle.

# KEY GROWTH COMPONENTS

## IN 2023:

We served 506 individuals across all of our programs

## IN 2024:

We served 491 individuals across all of our programs.

## TOTAL IN 2024:

Over \$350,000 in grant funding was put back into Yankton and the surrounding communities

### Funding sources include:

- Emergency Solutions Grant
- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project
- Donations
- Security Deposit Assistance Program
- Community Development Block Grant
- United Way
- HOME ARP Grant

## Changes in 2024:

2024 saw the closure of our donation center program in order to shift focus. This was necessary for our organization to be able to implement our new life skills programming.

## Goals for 2025:

- Increases in funding to create a sustainable ongoing budget
- additional awareness events and presence at community events
- a move to intensive case management with life skills
- Expansion of Re-entry and Tier 2 Programs

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